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Topfree activists seek 'equality day'

Activists who believe women should be allowed to bare their breasts in public may have trouble convincing Rochester and Monroe County officials to designate June 21 as Topfree Equality Day.

County Executive Thomas R. Frey said he would not grant the request. "I think that what they're looking for is state legislation," he said.

Rochester Mayor Thomas P. Ryan Jr. yesterday would not comment on the request, said Robert Meyer, an aide to Ryan.

The Coalition for Topfree Equality has written to area politicians asking for the designated day, which is the two-year anniversary of the arrest of the so-called Topfree Seven, who took off their shirts in Cobbs Hill Park.

The women's case gained national attention when it went to trial in City Court. Judge Herman Walz dismissed the indecent exposure charges against them, saying they had a right to bare their breasts as a way to protest the law.

Last year on the anniversary of the arrest, about 20 women took their shirts off in Genesee Valley Park, but they attracted little attention.

This year the coalition has scheduled an anniversary educational presentation about the topfree cause at 8 p.m., June 21 at the City School District's central offices, 131 W. Broad St.

They also are planning a topfree picnic on June 25, though details will not be released until that day.

Weld Street man hurt when dragged by auto

A Rochester man was injured yesterday when he was dragged 50 to 100 feet as he held onto the driver's window of a moving car.

He is listed in guarded condition at Rochester General Hospital with two collapsed lungs and head injuries.

David King, 29, of 27 Weld St. was standing next to a car when the car sped away, said Investigator Kurt Lloyd of the Goodman section. He let go of the car and tumbled on the pavement near McFarlin Street.

An investigation of the incident, which occurred about 4 a.m., is continuing.

The driver of the car was a male. Lloyd said police are treating the incident as either a hit-and-run or an assault.

Elderly man burned

A clown show, bike rodeo, clogging and Sweet Adelines singing are included in tomorrow's events. A parade will be held down Main Street at 3 p.m. and the crowning of the queen will follow.

The festival ends Sunday with a fly-in breakfast, an arts and crafts show and fireworks at dusk.

For more information, call the Western New York Apple Growers Association at 716-924-2171.

Sodus Point reinstates ousted planning board

SODUS POINT — The Village Board last night unanimously decided to reinstate its five-member planning board.

After an hour of argument between board members and a 20-member audience, the village board decided a planning board is necessary to handle planning and zoning matters.

The planning board was disbanded April 4 at the village's organizational meeting. Trustee Dean Griswold said at the time the village board "wasn't getting anything" from the planning board.

Last night's resolution, which calls for reseating the planning board within three months, was passed unanimously.

The village board voted after new Village Attorney Leslie Harmer said the board would have to amend numerous local laws and hold public hearings on those amendments if the planning board was not reinstated.

Voter registration plan includes wine, cheese

A new group with a goal of registering 2,000 voters in the Rochester area by November will have a wine-and-cheese meeting today at the Satellite Restaurant at 836 N. Goodman St.

The Hispanic Democratic Registration Movement will begin its registration drive next month in the northeast part of Rochester, said Jose Rivera, a local political activist who has helped organize the new group.

The event today is from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and is open to the general public, Rivera said.

Children will ride to help cancer research

In a ride against cancer, the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will sponsor a bike-a-thon at the Hazel Jenkins Elementary School in Hilton tomorrow from 1 to 4 p.m.

Children from elementary schools throughout the community are asking that they be sponsored for each mile they ride along a one-mile track. St. Jude's spends the proceeds on research against

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